



Congratulations!

2013 Peninsula Scholar

THOMAS MCGOVERN

Bruton High School, Class of 2013

Bound for Swarthmore College

Swarthmore, Pennsylvania

Political Science Major

Thomas McGovern graduates as Valedictorian of Bruton High School's Class of 2013. He has an overall 4.7 GPA and near perfect scores on the SAT. He has served as class Vice President for two years and as a member of the Student Council and the National Honor Society.

Thomas is a student-athlete. He is a very competitive swimmer and was the state champion for the 200m freestyle event at the 2007 Virginia Long Course Age Group Championship Meet. He has continued to be a state-level ranked swimmer throughout his high school career despite setbacks to his health. Thomas also serves as the Youth Representative to the Queens Lake Board of Directors and is a senior assistant swim coach for the Queens Lake Eagles. He has devoted many hours to community service by volunteering to help coach swimming, working Special Olympics, Foodbank, and more.

Thomas will be attending Swarthmore College in the fall to major in Political Science with concentrations in Peace and Conflict Studies and International Affairs. He will minor in Arabic. Thomas hopes to work with children or young adults to raise awareness of the importance of addressing international issues such as global warming, war, and systematic poverty.

Thomas is the son of very proud parents Charles and Mary McGovern of Williamsburg.

Best of luck at Swarthmore College,

2013 Peninsula Scholarship Winner- Thomas McGovern!